

# Greening Congregation Annual Plan Template

Use this annual plan outline as a guide to help you in the yearly renewal process.  
Under each Green Field are suggestions to assist in your planning.



## Congregation Name Annual Plan for 20XX

### MISSION STATEMENT

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*Insert your mission statement as a guide for your congregation's greening activities.*

### GREEN TEAM MEMBERS

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*Please include names and contact information for each person involved with your creation care group.  
This allows us to contact you with pertinent information.*

*Name*

*Street Address*

*City, State, Zip Code*

*Email Address*

### GREEN FIELDS

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#### WORSHIP AND LITURGY

- ✓ *Attend and encourage others in your congregation to attend Earth Ministry's Celebration of St. Francis in the fall*
- ✓ *Special worship services during Earth Month*
- ✓ *Music, decoration and liturgy focus on caring for creation*
- ✓ *Ecological message in prayers, litanies, and readings*
- ✓ *Bulletins, newsletters, and announcements*
- ✓ *Outdoor worship*

#### EDUCATION

- ✓ *Greening Tips in the Sunday bulletin or church newsletter*
- ✓ *Green themes for Sunday School, Vacation Bible school and other children's events*
- ✓ *Study groups centering on sustainability issues*
- ✓ *Special creation-awareness events: info fairs, book readings, guest speakers*
- ✓ *Create a Greening Congregation page on church website*

## **BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

- ✓ *Transportation efficiency, such as a carless Sunday*
- ✓ *Food sustainability: vegetarian option at church dinners, bread from local bakery, shade grown, fair-trade coffee; becoming a CSA drop off site*
- ✓ *Kitchen: reusable coffee mugs, post-consumer paper products, recycling and composting*
- ✓ *Environmentally friendly cleaning supplies*
- ✓ *Reuse inserts for weekly bulletin*
- ✓ *Energy conservation*
- ✓ *Water and conservation care*
- ✓ *Landscaping and grounds care: create a wildlife habitat on grounds*
- ✓ *Green building and remodeling*

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

- ✓ *Hands-on conservation projects: habitat restoration, community clean ups, electronic recycling events, etc*
- ✓ *Show a film on environmental issues*
- ✓ *Nature hikes and other field trips*
- ✓ *Encourage congregation members to engage with the local community in advocating for creation care*
- ✓ *Eco-justice efforts*

## **FAITHFUL ADVOCACY**

- ✓ *Host forums to explain and discuss current environmental issues*
- ✓ *Contact elected officials through emails, letter writing, calls, attending a lobby day or an in-district meeting*
- ✓ *Distribute and collect comment cards or signatures*
- ✓ *Speak out for creation care at public hearings*
- ✓ *Attend advocacy events with Earth Ministry in Olympia*